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Be Sure to go to the Polls and Vote Tuesday, November 5

Lets Meet This Call.

With the great Fourth Liberty Loan campaign ended, and brought to a triumphant close, the patriotic people of this country are now privileged to participate in another campaign, infinitely less in the amount of money asked, but with objects to be attained fully as praise-worthy.

In the great campaign just ended a sum of money so vast that the human mind can scarce comprehend it has been raised and placed at the disposal of our government to bring the war to a successful conclusion, and to free the world for all time from the domination of William of Hohenzollern, and other of his ilk who in time might arise to repeat the atrocities the world has witnessed in France and Belgium for the last four years.

The campaign soon to be inaugurated is for another purpose. The Nation is called upon to contribute a fund of \$170,500,000. Missouri's share of the fund is only \$5,000,000. Seven of the great auxiliaries of our fighting forces, The Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, and the American Library Association, will have the fund apportioned among them and each of the money will be expended for the relief of Our Boys who, while lying wounded, hungry, cold, and shivering in the trenches, when he is ministered to by one of the workers of any one of those noble organizations, will be made to know that those at home have not forgotten him, and that we at our own peaceful firesides are willing to give from our plenty to assuage their suffering.

In this great work neither creed nor religious denomination counts. The Protestant, Catholic and Jew here unite on common ground and work for the glory of America and humanity.

None of us can say we have GIVEN anything to Our Boys when we bought Liberty Bonds. We simply lent to Uncle Sam, and made the best investment in the world.

Now we are called on to GIVE. But we are not bestowing a charity on strangers. Every dollar and every penny we give will be expended, under Government supervision and accounting, for your son or your neighbor's son, who is enduring every hardship imaginable, and offering his very life itself, that your home and my home may be saved from fate of countless thousands of homes in hapless Belgium and France.

It is our duty to give and give freely. Missouri and Monroe County have done their patriotic duty at every call so far, and there can be no doubt of the response now.

The campaign will begin Monday Nov. 11 and end Monday, Nov. 18.

There is on file in the Employment Service of the Government a list of more than 250 distinct occupations women are filling in industry. They are learning to read blue prints as well as dress patterns and to handle hammers without losing the iron nails or those on their fingers. The munition factories are full of such women and they have demonstrated in this last year or two that there is nothing unwomanly about the woman in overalls working at so-called, dirty, greasy jobs.

Political Follies.

These are days when inefficiency is not tolerated in private employ. But in public work as seen in national, state, and municipal office, it is easier to "get by." To the ways of the American voter, and some of the follies he entertains and is influenced by, much of this inefficiency is due.

The remarks to follow are not intended to apply to any pending contest, national, state, or local. Of course if anyone thinks the coat fits, he can put it right on. The conditions referred to are found in all parties. Most of us have our own well formed opinion as to which party tends to show the more of these tendencies.

Here is one kind of thing very frequently seen, growing particularly out of the kind of thing we call "hyphenated-Americanism." The voters of one group, especially one group having some common ancestry, will get it into their heads that they have not had their fair share of the offices. They will vote for a man from their own group, even if they know he is inferior in character and ability to another candidate.

This feeling is usually started by a few ambitious office seekers to promote their own ends. They fool a lot of well meaning but unintelligent people. The result is that candidates with poor qualifications get into power. And in many localities where this feeling is a factor, we get punk government.

Let us all be straight Americans when we go to the polls. If we are going to get public work well done, we must forget about whether people come from the same race or attend the same church or belong to the same social group or not. We must look for the men with the best records for honesty, ability, and common sense judgment. When we put those qualities highest, we shall get better government.

It is all very well for an American statesman to sit in his swivel chair in his comfortable office in Washington and declare that "there should be no hate after the war", but it is going to be rather difficult to convince the Belgians and the people of France that it is their duty to love and respect the nation that destroyed their homes, murdered their relatives, men, women and children, and did every thing in their power to reduce the people of those nations to a state of slavery.

The kaiser is credited with having once said, "The United States is a big, fat hog that we will slaughter at our leisure." But the kaiser is a poor judge of hogs. He is like the man who was kicked to death by a mule. When the remains were brought home the weeping widow took one look at them and sadly remarked, "John was a good husband but he didn't know much about mules."

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad is said to be abolishing its parlor cars. If the other railroads follow its example, how are we to distinguish the aristocracy of America? The world is certainly being made safe for democracy at a great rate.

Whether the theory is correct or not, there appears to be no doubt in the minds of the American people that the Spanish influenza was made in Germany and not in Spain.

Republican Influences.

The Republican party has always claimed to be a "business man's party." That is all right, provided you don't carry it too far. The Republican party was so far a business man's party that it has always taken its orders from the great corporations, banks, Wall street and other speculative centers.

When the big bankers and protected manufacturers had anything they wanted to put over, to whom did they always look? Their point of view was always expressed with cultured eloquence on the floor of Congress by their Republican friends.

The Republican party has always taken the capitalist view point. Its representatives have believed, more or less sincerely, that to secure the well being of the country, the capitalists must be given about what they wanted. If they wanted high tariffs, subsidized ship lines, and the defeat of labor legislation, they must have them.

And when the representatives of the great mass of the working people asked for laws that would safeguard the health of the working classes and permit the education of their young people, the Republican leaders were averse. The capitalists said these things would ruin their business.

In 1912 the subordination of the Republican party to the capitalistic element became so pronounced, that more than half the party broke away and formed the Progressive party. But the strength of old traditions proved too great. The Progressives have now returned to the old fold, without having obtained the concessions that they went out for.

So today if the working masses of the country wish better conditions of living, they must beware of a party that has always shown itself submissive to capitalistic influence.

Although Missouri is fairly safe for democracy, it is well known that the Kingdom of Callaway is within our borders and, besides that, there is a king in pretty nearly every county in the State. There is a watermelon king in the watermelon belt, a strawberry king and a peach king, and there is H. L. Pritchett, who lives somewhere in or around Ralls County. He is the hog king. Just when and where the coronation was pulled off and who placed the crown on his head we do not know, but, anyway, he is the hog king because The Ralls County Record says so. He has sold pedigreed hogs in every State where they raise hogs and has just filled an order for Missouri hogs to be delivered in Cuba.

You are for winning the war, for winning it the quickest and the least expensive way, and you should, therefore, support President Wilson and vote for men who will also support and stand up for him. There is not a man on the Democratic ticket this year who will not do this. You should vote for every one on that ticket.

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Stand By Wilson.

Granting that the Republicans are patriotic and loyal to their country—and God knows they ought to be for they have received their full share of honors—granting that they are everything they ought to be, the burden and responsibility of this great war has incidentally fallen upon the Democratic party. Why should there be a change of party so long as this burden is being carried satisfactorily to the people and to the civilized world? A Democratic president who has developed into a world leader has demonstrated his ability to carry the war to a just conclusion. What excuse is there for not giving him and his party full support. Is it jealousy? Is it lust for office? Either is shameful in this crisis. It is but reasonable that the President should be backed to the limit by his own party and all patriotic men and he will be. There is but one thing for Democrats to do, and that is to stand firmly by the administration. There is but one thing for all real Americans to do and that is to back the party now in power until this job is finished. Can another party do the job any better? If so how? Has any administration done as much in the history of our country before? We would not shirk our duty as a Democrat but the settlement of this world trouble with all of its intricate problems will be no easy task. If we were a Republican we should be perfectly willing to allow the Democrats to finish the job. They may do it successfully and if so they will richly deserve the credit but if they do not they will be subjected to criticism for years and years.

Germany's Government.

Germany claims to have democratized its government. If so, one of the greatest revolutions of history has taken place over night. The mightiest despotism the world ever saw, suddenly disappears. In its place we have a democratic monarchy, conforming to President Wilson's demands. It takes a shell game artist at county fair to do anything so neat.

Great revolutions like these, if authentic, are attested by indisputable evidence. Any constitutional change in the United States is the subject of long debate in public assembly, and is finally agreed to by vote attested and put on record by the lawful authorities. English liberties date back to Magna Charter. You can find an original copy of it in Lincoln cathedral to-day.

When has any proclamation of abdication of his imperial power been made by Emperor William II of Germany? Under the German constitution, he has the power of making "defensive". As he can set up the claim that any war is "defensive", this practically gives him the right to make war anytime he wants to. Where and when has he abdicated this power? Let him come forward and present a signed proclamation giving up the right.

Under the German constitution, the Federal Council can authorize the Kaiser to make an "offensive war". As this body does not represent the people, the Council must formally by attested vote renounce this right, before the first step toward democratization has been made.

The claim set forth by the German government that it has placed sovereign power in the hands of the people is too transparent to deceive a class of school children.

What Has Been Accomplished.

It was remarked by The Democrat last spring, that the results of our war preparation would be apparent before the fall elections. Six months ago the country was impatient over delays in the war work. Some people failed to reflect that the transformation of a peace loving nation into a war making one could not be accomplished in a day or a year.

But faith was expressed that the fall campaign in France would see the results of American power. And the outcome has proved it. We have placed an enormous force in the field, greater than anyone expected to see at this date. They are all armed and equipped. The army is as well provided as any army on the front, in many respects better.

A series of tremendous defeats has now been inflicted on the Hun armies. Few of us dared to hope for any big advance before the spring of 1919. Instead the Germans have been continuously on the move since July 18. The retreat grows more hasty as the days go on. Already one fourth of the German artillery is in allied hands. The shutting in of winter should see the Huns nearly driven back to their boundaries.

America has supplied the force needed to give the push. Our allies have fought nobly, but never could have done it alone.

The men in charge of army affairs at Washington have made good. They have accomplished the results asked for, and more than we expected. Why not then show our confidence November 5 by returning to power about the same men. Every good American will demand that each Congressman must be a loyal supporter of the war. That can be accomplished without shifting party control of Congress.

Wilson Was Right.

When President Wilson asked Congress not to make a declaration of war against Bulgaria and Turkey there was much confusion in the minds of the people as those nations were as cruel and barbarous as was Germany herself; they were waging as bitter war as they could against democracy and civilization. But the people said the President had all the information and they made no protest. It now seems that it was a wise measure. The United States had its usual diplomatic force and consuls in both countries and the dispatches indicate that they had a good deal of influence in bringing the results that have been attained.

Any newspaper is the companion and friend of the family, but the local paper is one identified with the interest of the home. It is conducted by those whom you know. Its columns are filled with what is special value to you. In its prosperity you have a vital interest, and to its prosperity you can best contribute by giving your support and patronage. It is your neighbor.

The very latest and decidedly the worst in the way of robbery was the stealing of a monument erected to the memory of a child in a cemetery near Callao. The fellow who did that must have been qualifying himself for a commission in the kaiser's army.

Please bring the little tots in the MORNING.—Miss Belle Johnson.